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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

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SUBJECT : Status of Strike at [REDACTED]

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1. Following word the morning of 4 April of which you are aware that the crafts' unions have walked out at [REDACTED] in reducing certain subsistence payments which the court has held that they were entitled to retroactively, I called General Betts, Director, DMA, this afternoon to get his views on the matter.

2. General Betts said that in his view both parties were at fault-- the unions for being greedy and attempting to force the hand of the Commission, and the Commission for having been "pernicious" in the settlement which they proposed. He said there was a great deal of activity [REDACTED] on this subject and that negotiations were being carried out with the local International Brotherhoods headquarters, but that he could not forecast a short or long strike at this time. [REDACTED]

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3. I told him that I felt Mr. McCone would be greatly interested in the outcome as a result of his visit, and that I would relay General Betts' remarks to the Director (through DD/R, of course). You may feel that it would not be inappropriate for either yourself or the Director to register our interest in an early settlement with [REDACTED]

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